

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1547

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 123
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 123 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THE SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PIPELINE FOR
POSITIONS IN PUBLIC SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
University of Hawaii, in conjunction with the Department of Public
Safety, to strengthen and enhance the school-to-career pipeline
for positions in public safety.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety and one individual. Your
Committees received comments on this measure from the University
of Hawai'i System.

Your Committees find that there are a significant number of
vacant positions across the various state departments, with some
departments employing less than seventy-five percent of their
allocated positions. The Department of Public Safety has one of
the highest total number of unfilled positions, the majority of
which pay a living wage and do not require a four-year degree.
Course offerings that introduce students to these career fields



may help raise awareness of possible careers in public safety and reduce state job vacancies while increasing employee retention rates.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to include the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement in working in conjunction with the University of Hawaii to strengthen and enhance the school-to-career pipeline for positions in public safety;
- (2) Amending the title accordingly; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 123, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



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